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NUMBERS SINCE OUR LAST MEETING REPRESENTS PRIMARILY LATE REGISTRATION OF REFUGEES WHO "POURED" INTO NEPP IN WAKE OF AFGHAN ARMY ARMoured OPERATIONS IN PAKTIA PROVINCE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. NORMALLY, SEVERAL WEEKS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE NEW REFUGEES SHOW UP AS NUMBERS ON PAK CHARTS. PRESENTLY, SHAMSER ESTIMATES THAT 10 TO 15 PERCENT OF REFUGEES REMAIN UNREGISTERED, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER IN THE PROVINCE TO ABOUT 400,000. HE EXPECTS THAT THE NUMBER WILL PASS 500,000 THIS WINTER, AS A "CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE", IF RUSSIA AND/OR AFGHAN TROOPS RESUME OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENTS.

4. DRAMATIC INCREASE IN REFUGEES NECESSITATES ALMOST WEEKLY REVISION OF ALL GOP PROGRAMS ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER. UNHCR AND WFP PROGRAMS, WHICH ARE JUST GETTING OFF GROUND, AND PREDICATED ON 180,000 REFUGEES IN PROVINCE. THUS THOSE PROGRAMS WILL NEED SUBSTANTIAL AUGMENTATION IF THEY ARE TO BEGIN TO MEET NEEDS. AS IT IS, COMMISSIONER SHAMHER EXPECTS FIRST TRANCHE OF UNHCR FUNDS THIS WEEK. WFP FOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED TO DISTRIBUTION POINTS WHERE IT WILL BE DOLED OUT BEGINNING JANUARY 16.

5. SHELTER REMAINS A MAJOR PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO SHAMHER, ON BASIS OF 5 PERSONS PER TENT, HALF A MILLION REFUGEES COULD REQUIRE 100,000 TENTS. TO DATE, GOVERNMENT HAS DISTRIBUTED ABOUT 10,000. ABOUT 2 OR 3 THOUSAND MORE ARE IN PIPELINE. APPROXIMATELY 9,000 WILL BE FUNDED BY UNHCR FIRST TRANCHE. FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS KUWAIT AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROVIDE A FEW THOUSAND MORE, BUT THE GAP REMAINS SIGNIFICANT. PAKS ARE PROCURING MOST TENTS LOCALLY, BUT SUPPLIERS

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CAPABILITIES ARE LIMITED. SHAMSER THINKS IT UNLIKELY IF LOCALS CAN PRODUCE MORE THAN 2,000 PER WEEK, EVEN IF FUNDS CAN BE FOUND TO PAY FOR THEM. IF SUFFICIENT TENTS ARRANGES PROVIDED BEFORE COLD WEATHER ENDS IN MARCH, SHAMSER THINKS MANY MUST COME FROM ABROAD.

6. OTHER PRESSING REFUGEE NEEDS ARE FOR WARM CLOTHING AND MEDICAL FACILITIES, ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER. IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, WE MIGHT PROVIDE CLOTHING, MEDICINE,, AND MOBILE CLINICS.

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AS WELL AS TENTS, HE SAID. COMMENT: CLEARLY, MANY REFUGEES LACK ADEQUATE CLOTHING AND LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE HARD PRESSED TO CARE FOR THEIR NEEDS. SEVERAL LOCAL PHYSICIANS, INCLUDING BRIGADIER NAHAB KHAN, HEAD OF THE KHYBER TEACHING HOSPITAL WHICH TREATS THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES, HAVE EMPHASIZED THE SHORTAGE OF MEDICINE. CURRENTLY, A FRENCH ORGANIZATION, MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERS IS SURVEYING THE REFUGEES' MEDICAL NEEDS.

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7. IN KOMAT, AS IN ALL DISTRICTS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (DC) (SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER) IS SENIOR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEES. INCIDENT THERE, MR. GURESHI, REPORTS OVER 40,000 REFUGEES (OR 10,000 MORE THAN FIGURE SHAMSER IS USING FOR KOMAT). GURESHI SEEMS TO THINK SITUATION IS MANAGEABLE, ALTHOUGH HE DOES REPORT THAT SHORTAGE OF STAFF STRAINS HIS CAPABILITIES (HE USES REVENUE DEPARTMENT STAFF TO REGISTER REFUGEES, THUS PULLING THEM AWAY FROM PRIMARY DUTIES). GURESHI WOULD PREFER ASSIGNMENT OF FIVE MAN STAFF WORKING FULL TIME WITH REFUGEES. ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR DC IS ADJUDICATING DISPUTES BETWEEN REFUGEES AND LOCALS OVER GRAZING RIGHTS FOR FLOCKS. MOST REFUGEES HAVE BROUGHT THEIR LIVESTOCK, HE SAYS, THIS PLACING STRAIN ON LIMITED SUPPLY OF FODDER. TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURED BETWEEN REFUGEES AND RESIDENTS. DC ALSO ENDORSED REFUGEE COMMISSIONER'S PLEA FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD. ACCORDING TO GURESHI, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REFUGEES ARE SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER DISEASES.

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8. AFTER LEAVING KOHAT, I DROVE TO THAL, JUST

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OUTSIDE KUNUR AGENCY. ROAD LIES IN MIDDLE OF VALLEY OF VARYING WIDTH. SCATTERED AT INTERVALS THROUGH THE VALLEY ARE ABOUT THIRTY SMALL REFUGEE ENCAMPMENTS OF FROM TEN TO FIFTY SHELTERS EACH. MOST SHELTERS ARE TENTS, BUT SOME ARE MADE FROM BRUSH AND STRAW. THE STEREOTYPED PATTERN OF THE HUTS SUGGESTS THAT THE FORM IS REGULARLY UTILIZED AS TEMPORARY SHELTER, AT LEAST BY SOME TRIBES. THROUGH BINOCULARS, I COULD SEE NO INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT SHELTER. MANY REFUGEES WERE EMPLOYED AS LABORERS ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

9. SINCE THE CHRISTMAS INVASION, JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN FLOCKING TO PESHAWAR IN DROVES. MANY HAVE RECENTLY VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. I SEE MOST JOURNALISTS, AND HAVE ASKED HOW THEY ASSESS LOCAL SITUATION AS COMPARED TO SEA. WITH ONLY ONE EXCEPTION, ALL SAY THAT AFGHAN REFUGEES FLIGHT IS MUCH LESS DESPERATE. MOST AGREE WITH ARCHARD MISERY SCALE ASSESSMENT THAT IF WE PUT CAMBODIANS AT 10, THEN AFGHANS BELONG AT 3 OR 4.

10. CURRENT BREAKDOWN OF REFUGEES BY LOCATION AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICTS: CHITRAL (INCLUDES CHITRAL CAMP) - 7157

DIR - 5,649

PESHAWAR - 52,866

DERA ISMAIL KHAN - 4,329

KOHAT - 31,320

BANNU - 8,512

MARDAN - 6,616

POLITICAL AGENCIES: BAJAUR - 25,908

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NOHMAND - 3,005

KHYBER - 2,264

KUNUR - 69,957

NORTH WAZIRISTAN - 101,342

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN - 16,953

CAMPS: WAREAH - 1,768

GANDAP - 1,951

DARGAI - 1,485

11. NWFP REFUGEE NUMBERS PER MONTH FOR 1979 AS FOLLOWS:

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APRIL - DECEMBER - 18,041
JANUARY - 18,329
FEBRUARY - 18,399
MARCH - 23,942
APRIL - 42,390
MAY - 54,616
JUNE - 74,171
JULY - 100,742
AUGUST - 140,217
SEPTEMBER - 152,476
OCTOBER - 181,826
NOVEMBER - 273,049
DECEMBER - 297,052
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